

## Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 PARIS 03118 01 OF 02 011759Z  
ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 AF-10 NEA-10 ISO-00 IO-13 CIAE-00 DODE-00  
PM-05 H-01 INR-07 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01  
PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15 USIA-06 AID-05 ARA-10 HA-05  
/112 W

-----118277 011855Z /42

R 011740Z FEB 78  
FM AMEMBASSY PARIS  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5122  
INFO AMEMBASSY LIBREVILLE  
AMEMBASSY DAKAR  
AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN  
AMEMBASSY NOUAKCHOTT  
AMEMBASSY RABAT  
AMEMBASSY ALGIERS  
AMEMBASSY MOGADISCIO  
AMEMBASSY DJIBOUTI  
AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

C O N F I D E N T I A L SECTION 01 OF 02 PARIS 03118

E.O. 11652: XGDS-1  
TAGS: PEPR, FR,XA, XM  
SUBJ: SOCIALIST PARTY VIEWS ON THIRD WORLD ISSUES

BEGIN SUMMARY: WE MET JANUARY 30 WITH LIONEL JOSPIN,  
SOCIALIST PARTY (PS) NATIONAL SECRETARY AND EXPERT  
ON THIRD WORLD ISSUES FOR A GENERAL DISCUSSION OF THE  
PRE-ELECTION SITUATION WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON PS  
POLICIES TOWARDS THE THIRD WORLD. IT WAS CLEAR FROM  
JOSPIN'S COMMENTS THAT PS THINKING HAD EVOLVED BEYOND  
THE RHETORIC OF THE EARLY ELECTION CAMPAIGN AND WAS  
NOW SERIOUSLY FOCUSING ON ISSUES. THERE WAS ALSO  
EVIDENT MISTRUST OF US MOTIVES IN THE THIRD WORLD  
BUT THIS WAS PARTIALLY BALANCED BY DISAGREEMENT WITH  
SOVIET AFRICAN POLICIES. THE PS, ACCORDING TO  
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 PARIS 03118 01 OF 02 011759Z

JOSPIN, WILL FAVOR GREATER EMPHASIS ON MULTILATERAL  
AID AND LONG-TERM PROJECT ASSISTANCE. MILITARY  
AGREEMENTS WITH AFRICAN STATES WILL BE REVIEWED TO  
ENSURE THEY CONFORM TO PRESENT REALITIES AND WISHES  
OF THE CONCERNED STATES. PS WILL OPPOSE ANOTHER  
SHABA-TYPE INTERVENTION, AS WELL AS CONTINUATION OF  
MILITARY INTERVENTION IN WESTERN SAHARA REGION. ON

THE HORN, PS IS SYMPATHETIC TO ERITREA INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT, AND CRITICAL OF SOMALI ACTION IN OGADEN. JOSPIN FORESEES PERIOD OF CONSIDERABLE INSTABILITY IN AFRICA. IN LATIN AMERICA, PS CONCERNED ABOUT THE GROWTH OF MORE EFFICIENT DICTATORSHIPS BEARING LITTLE RELATIONSHIP TO PREVIOUS "CAUDILLISM." END SUMMARY.

1. ON JANUARY 30 WE MET LIONEL JOSPIN, SOCIALIST PARTY OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR COORDINATION OF POLICY TOWARDS THE THIRD WORLD. IN DISCUSSING THIRD WORLD ISSUES, JOSPIN SAID PRIMARY PS EMPHASIS WOULD BE GIVEN TO FOREIGN ASSISTANCE. PS WOULD REORIENT FRENCH ASSISTANCE POLICIES TO PUT GREATER EMPHASIS ON MULTILATERAL AID; UNDER THE PS IT WOULD DOUBLE FROM THE PRESENT 10 TO 20 OF FRANCE'S ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE. THE PS WILL ALSO EMPHASIZE BETTER PLANNING OF AID TO PERMIT RECIPIENTS TO COORDINATE THEIR OWN DEVELOPMENT PLANS WITH A DEGREE OF CERTAINTY CONCERNING THE RESOURCES WHICH FRANCE WOULD BE PROVIDING OVER A FIVE-YEAR PERIOD. ASSISTANCE WOULD BE FUNNELED TO PROJECTS WITH GREATEST DIRECT EFFECT IN AMELIORATING THE LIVES OF THE LOCAL POPULATIONS. (JOSPIN CONTRASTED THIS WITH THE MORE "CLASSICAL" APPROACH TO AID OF THE FRENCH COMMUNIST PARTY.)

2. JOSPIN SAID THAT THE PS IN POWER WOULD ALSO  
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 PARIS 03118 01 OF 02 011759Z

REVIEW FRENCH MILITARY POLICIES TOWARDS THE THIRD WORLD. MILITARY AGREEMENTS WITH STATES SUCH AS THE IVORY COAST, GABON, AND SENEGAL WOULD BE REEXAMINED. THEY WOULD NOT NECESSARILY BE SCRAPPED BUT THE PS WOULD WANT TO BE SURE THAT ANY SUCH AGREEMENTS GENUINELY CONFORM TO THE PRESENT WISHES OF THE AFRICAN STATES. ACCORDING TO JOSPIN, THE PS WOULD ABANDON THE POLICY OF MILITARY INTERVENTIONISM CARRIED OUT BY THE CURRENT GOF. THERE WOULD NOT, FOR INSTANCE, BE ANOTHER SHABA. QUESTIONED ABOUT THE SITUATION IN THE WESTERN SAHARA, JOSPIN SAID THAT FRANCE UNDER PS LEADERSHIP WOULD NOT HAVE INTERVENED MILITARILY, AS GOVERNMENT POLICIES WOULD HAVE MADE IT UNNECESSARY. CURRENT FRENCH POLICY, HE SAID, IS TOO CLOSELY TIED TO THE MOROCCAN REGIME. THE PS WOULD USE ITS GOOD RELATIONS WITH ALGERIA, MAURITANIA, AND TIES WITH THE MOROCCAN OPPOSITION AND POLISARIO ELEMENTS TO WORK FOR A JUST SETTLEMENT.

3. TURNING TO THE HORN OF AFRICA, JOSPIN SAID THAT THE PS WOULD RESPECT PRESENT FRENCH OBLIGATIONS TOWARDS DJIBOUTI AND CONTINUE ITS GUARANTEES OF DJIBOUTI

INDEPENDENCE SO LONG AS THAT IS WHAT THE PEOPLE THERE  
WISH. IF THE DJIBOUTIANS OPT FOR A SOLUTION OTHER  
THAN INDEPENDENCE, SUCH AS ASSOCIATION WITH SOMALIA,

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 PARIS 03118 02 OF 02 011749Z  
ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 AF-10 NEA-10 ISO-00 IO-13 CIAE-00 DODE-00  
PM-05 H-01 INR-07 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01  
PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15 USIA-06 AID-05 ARA-10 HA-05  
/112 W

-----118150 011855Z /64

R 011740Z FEB 78  
FM AMEMBASSY PARIS  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5123  
INFO AMEMBASSY LIBREVILLE  
AMEMBASSY DAKAR  
AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN  
AMEMBASSY NOUAKCHOTT  
AMEMBASSY RABAT  
AMEMBASSY ALGIERS  
AMEMBASSY MOGADISCIO  
AMEMBASSY DJIBOUTI  
AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

C O N F I D E N T I A L SECTION 02 OF 02 PARIS 03118

THAT ALSO WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE. JOSPIN SAID THAT THE  
SOCIALISTS SYMPATHIZE WITH THE ERITREAN LIBERATION  
MOVEMENTS AND WOULD INCLINE TOWARDS RECOGNIZING THEIR  
RIGHT TO NATIONHOOD. HE MADE A DISTINCTION BETWEEN  
THE SITUATION THERE AND IN THE OGADEN WHERE THERE IS  
CLEAR VIOLATION OF THE PRINCIPLE OF RESPECT FOR  
INHERITED COLONIAL FRONTIERS. (JOSPIN ALSO SAID,  
HOWEVER, THAT IT MIGHT BE TIME TO REASSESS THE OAU  
DOCTRINE.)

4. JOSPIN SAID THAT GISCARD AND THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT  
TEND TO OVER DRAMATIZE THE SOVIET ROLE IN AFRICA AS  
DOES THE US ALSO. HE SAID THAT IT WAS A MISTAKE FOR

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 PARIS 03118 02 OF 02 011749Z

THE US TO HAVE BECOME SO EXERCIZED BY THE PRESENCE OF TEN OR FIFTEEN THOUSAND CUBANS AND SOME SOVIETS IN ANGOLA. AT THE SAME TIME, THERE ARE PLACES SUCH AS ETHIOPIA WHERE THE SOVIET PRESENCE IS DISTURBING. IN GENERAL, THE PS FAVORS KEEPING BIG POWER POLITICS OUT OF AFRICA.

5. JOSPIN PRAISED CURRENT USG POLICIES TOWARDS SOUTHERN AFRICA WHICH HE SAID WERE REALISTIC AND A GREAT IMPROVEMENT OVER THE POLICIES OF PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATION.

6. TURNING TO LATIN AMERICA, JOSPIN SAID THAT FRANCE, AND THE PS ALSO, HAVE TRADITIONALLY HAD STRONG TIES AND INTERESTS IN LATIN AMERICA. THE PS IS ENCOURAGED BY THE GROWTH OF DEMOCRACY--FLAWED THOUGH IT MAY BE-- IN COUNTRIES SUCH AS MEXICO, COSTA RICA, AND VENEZUELA. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE PS IS DEEPLY DISTURBED BY WHAT APPEARS TO BE THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW MORE EFFICIENT AND INTERLINKED SERIES OF DICTATORSHIPS THROUGHOUT MUCH OF LATIN AMERICA--CHILE, BRAZIL, ARGENTINA, BOLIVIA, AND URUGUAY. THIS NEW TYPE OF DICTATORSHIP BEARS LITTLE RELATIONSHIP TO THE TRADITIONAL "CAUDILLISM" IN THE REGION AND ITS CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT IS A THREAT TO LATIN AMERICAN CIVILIZATION.

7. JOSPIN SAID THAT THE PS APPROVED OF THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION'S EMPHASIS ON HUMAN RIGHTS BUT THAT THE PRESIDENT'S FRIENDLY REMARKS ABOUT THE SHAH WHEN HE WAS IN IRAN HAD CAST DOUBTS AS TO THE SINCERITY OF THIS POLICY.

8. COMMENT: JOSPIN IS INTELLIGENT AND ARTICULATE  
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 PARIS 03118 02 OF 02 011749Z

AND HE SPOKE QUITE OPENLY. WHILE HE WAS CONSISTENTLY FRIENDLY, HIS REMARKS REFLECTED SUSPICIONS ABOUT US MOTIVES IN THE THIRD WORLD. JOSPIN SAID THAT PS OFFICIALS ARE NOW IN THE STAGE OF DRAWING UP POLICIES TO BE IMPLEMENTED IF THE PS WERE TO COME TO POWER. FROM HIS REMARKS, IT SEEMS THAT AS FAR AS THIRD WORLD POLICIES ARE CONCERNED THE PS IS AT A SORT OF HALFWAY HOUSE BETWEEN THE RHETORIC OF THE EARLY CAMPAIGN AND THE COMING TO GRIPS WITH THE TOUGH PROBLEMS ANY FRENCH

GOVERNMENT WILL CONFRONT, ESPECIALLY IN AFRICA.  
HARTMAN

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01 jan 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** LESS DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, POLICIES, POLITICAL PARTIES  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 01 feb 1978  
**Decaption Date:** 01 jan 1960  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 20 Mar 2014  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1978PARIS03118  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** X1  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Expiration:**  
**Film Number:** D780048-0744  
**Format:** TEL  
**From:** PARIS  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1978/newtext/t197802106/aaaadlxb.tel  
**Line Count:** 226  
**Litigation Code IDs:**  
**Litigation Codes:**  
**Litigation History:**  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Message ID:** 19946dcd-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Office:** ACTION EUR  
**Original Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 5  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** n/a  
**Retention:** 0  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 21 apr 2005  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**SAS ID:** 3442585  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** SOCIALIST PARTY VIEWS ON THIRD WORLD ISSUES BEGIN SUMMARY: WE MET JANUARY 30 WITH LIONEL JOSPIN, SOCIALIST PARTY (PS) NATIONAL SECRETARY AND EXPERT  
**TAGS:** PEPR, FR, XA, XM, (JOSPIN, LIONEL)  
**To:** STATE  
**Type:** TE  
**vdkgvkey:** odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS\_Docs/19946dcd-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Review Markings:**  
Sheryl P. Walter  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
20 Mar 2014  
**Markings:** Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014